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1. SCIATT DISCUSSED CONTENTS REF AIR DEC.21 WITH DR. MOHAMED B.FAYEZ,
VICE PRESIDENT, ACADEMY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY (ASRT)
WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR UNCSTD PREPARATION. DR. FAYEZ UNAVAILABLE
EARLIER BECAUSE OF TRIP TO US AND SUBSEQUENT INVOLVEMENT IN
PREPARATIONS FOR ASRT ANNUAL CONFERENCE HERE THIS WEEK. UNDERSTAND
DR. FAYEZ DISCUSSED UNCSTD WITH AMB. WILKOWSKI (T/CST) AND DEP.ASST.
SEC.GANLEY (OES/APT) WHILE IN US IN NOV. HE EXPECTS TO CONTINUE
CONVERSATIONS WITH GANLEY IN CAIRO IN FEB.

2. RE QUERIES PG.2, REF AIR FAYEZ STATED FOLLOWING:

A) ASRT HAS REACHED RELIMINARY INTERNAL AGREEMENT ON FOLLOWING
SPECIFIC SUBJ. AREAS: 1) ARID ZONES/DESERT RECLAMATION, 2) RURAL/
URBAN TECHNOLOGY, 3) NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES, 4) AGRICULTURAL
EXPENSION, 5) HEALTH/ENVIRONMENT AS AREAS OF INTEREST. THESE AREAS
WERE SAID TO BE CONSISTENT WITH ECOSOC DISCUSSIONS. GOE CONFERENCE
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NAT. PAPER WILL TREAT THESE CAREAS FOLLOWING GUIDELINES CONTAINED
UNGA DOCUMENT UNCST A/CONF.81/INF.1.3/7/77.
B) ON NATURE OF NATIONAL PAPER PREPARATION ASRT HAS RECENTLY
CIRCULATED SUBJ. AREA LIST AND GUIDELINES TO GOE AGENCIES AND UNIVS
AND IS SOLICITING INPUTS. THEY ARE ALSO PUTTING OUT AN "OPENBID"
FOR PAPERS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES. PROCEEDINGS OF VARIOUS S&T MTGS.
HERE AND ABROAD (E.G.PUGWASG) WILL ALSO BE DRAWN ON. IN ADDITION,

ASRT HAS RETAINED, FOR FEE, OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS (PRESUMABLY EGYPTIAN) WHO MIGHT CONTRIBUTE, BUT WHO WILL PRIMARILY CRITIQUE INPUTS TO AVOID OVERLY BIASED PRESENTATION. ASRT ITSELF WILL DO OVERVIEW PAPERS. FAYEZ SAID THAT SO FAR THEY HAVE RECEIVED SOME INTERESTED RESPONSES BUT NO PAPERS FROM BIDS.

C) SO FAR ASRT HAS NOT REQUESTED OUTSIDE EXPERTS (UNDP, UNESCO ETC). REQUEST NOW WOULD BE PREMATURE. EGYPT WILL PUT TOGETHER OWN PAPERS, BUT MAY ASK FOR EXPERTS LATER, IF WORK IN A PARTICULAR AREA SHOWS NEED. HOWEVER, FAYEZ WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE IF POSSIBLE "DRAFT FOCUS PAPERS" FROM U.S. HE HAS ALREADY REC'D A US NAS PRELIMINARY DRAFT PAPER (UNCLEAR WHICH PAPER) AND SOME DRAFTS FROM INDIA. APPARENTLY FAYEZ THINKING ABOUT CONCEPT DRAFTS RELATING TO MECHANISMS AS WELL AS APPROACHES TO SPECIFIC SUBJECTS. HE SAID THIS SORT OF INPUT WOULD HELP GOE IN DEFINING ISSUES/POSITION.

D) FAYEZ SAID NAT. PAPER WOULD CONCENTRATE ON AREAS ABOVE LISTED. HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE GREAT CHANGES, ALTHOUGH SOME NEW SUBJ. AREAS ARE POSSIBLE. HE EXPECTED THRUST OF GOE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE TOWARDS SPECIFIC POLITICAL ACTIONS BY STATES; EMPHASIZING BILATERAL DC/LDC RELATIONS. PAPER MIGHT ALSO TREAT MULTILATERAL MECHANISMS (E.G. UN SYSTEM AND SUGGEST CHANGES. HOWEVER, GOE WAS INTERESTED IN PRACTICAL DECISION STEPS, THAT COULD BE FOLLOWED UP BY STATES NOT BROAD POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY RELATING TO DC/LDC/MULTILATERAL RELATIONS.

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E) GOE INTENDS TO DISCUSS CONTENTS OF NOT PAPER, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO REGIONAL COOPERATION WITH SOME OTHER (LDC) COUNTRIES. HOW THIS TO BE DONE, NOT YET DECIDED; HOWEVER MIGHT USE ARAB LEAGUE (ALESCO), ECA OR OAU CHANNELS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, FAYEZ NOTED THAT VALUE OF UNCSTD FOR EGYPT WOULD LIE IN SPECIFIC FOLLOW ON ACTIONS BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS

GOE HOPES TO SEE ACTION STEPS STATED AND FUNDING MECHANISMS ENHANCED. VALUE OF CONFERENCE IN FOCUSING ROLE OF S&T IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS OR IN PROMOTING INTERNAL INFRA STRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT LESS IMPORTANT TO EGYPT SINCE EGYPT ALREADY HAS INFRA STRUCTURE AND IS AWARE OF ROLE OF S&T.

4. TO COORDINATE INTERNAL ORGANIZATION FOR UNCSTD, GOE HAS ESTABLISHED

A TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT IN ASRT WHICH WILL RECEIVE INPUTS/PAPERS AND A NAT. STEERING COMMITTEE, COORDINATED BY FAYEZ TO SUPERVISE PREPARATION OF NAT. PAPER.

5. FAYEZ INQUIRED ON POSSIBILITY OF POSTPONING MAY DEADLINE FOR NAT. PAPERS. HE IS NOT SURE GOE CAN MEET IT, SINCE PRELIMINARY

PAPERS HAVE NOT YET BEGUN TO COME IN. GANLEY MAY WISH TO TAKE
THIS UP WITH FAYEZ IN FEB.EILTS

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